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SUBJECT: Applicant: Boyce et al.

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For: A REINFORCED JOINT FOR COMPOSITE

STRUCTURES AND METHOD OF JOINING

COMPOSITE PARTS

Examiner: Shelborne

Group: 1502 Docket No: FM-112J

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a RESPONSE in reply to the Office Action mailed April 1, 1996, in the subject application.

If for any reason this RESPONSE is found to be INCOMPLETE, or if at any time it appears that a TELEPHONE CONFERENCE with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associate, Joseph S. Iandiorio, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts (617) 890-5678.

If any payment during prosecution is found to be incorrect, please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to my Deposit Account No. 09-0002. A copy of this letter is enclosed for use by the Finance Branch in the event that it is necessary to make any charge or credit to my deposit account.

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